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ALFRED HOHL (ACTING DIRECTOR, EASTERN AFFAIRS DIVISION, FONOFF) AUGUST 12 PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH ADDITIONAL INFO ON DEPARTURE OF PRC AMBASSADOR CHEN CHIH-FANG TO PEKING ON JULY 17. HOHL RELATED THAT NOT LONG BEFORE FONMIN GRABER WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ON HIS VISIT TO PEKING, AMBASSADOR CHEN CALLED URGENTLY AND ON VERY SHORT NOTICE TO INVITE GRABER AND MEMBERS OF GOS PARTY TO DINNER. THIS WAS ARRANGED WITH SOME DIFFICULTY. HOWEVER, DINNER WAS EVENTUALLY HOSTED BY CHARGE, THE AMBASSADOR HAVING LEFT A FEW DAYS EARLIER. THE CHINESE GAVE NO EXPLANATION FOR AMBASSADOR'S SUDDEN ABSENCE. HOHL DREW CONCLUSION THAT AMBASSADOR CHEN HAD NOT KNOWN HE WOULD BE RECALLED TO PEKING WHEN DINNER INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO GRABER AND THAT IT HAD COME SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY. SINCE PLANNING FOR GRABER VISIT HAD BEEN PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY, HOHL SURMISES THAT CHEN'S RETURN TO PEKING AT THAT TIME

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WAS UNRELATED TO CHINESE-SWISS RELATIONS AND CAN PROBABLY

BE ATTRIBUTED TO DOMESTIC CHINESE SITUATION.

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